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1. TASK FORCE BELIEVES AT LEAST TWO SECOND GENERATION COMPLEXES (YUR'YA AND VERKHNAYA SALDA) WILL BE COMPLETE BY END 1961. DELIVERY OF SOME MISSILES MAY HAVE BEEN MADE ALREADY AND COMPLEXES SHOULD REACH FULL OPERATIONAL STATUS BEFORE MID-1962. SOME EARLY COMPLEXES WILL TAKE 2 YEARS CONSTRUCTION TIME. WE BELIEVE LATER COMPLEXES MAY REQUIRE ONLY 18 MONTHS.

2. TO DATE RE COVERAGE GOOD ENOUGH TO CONFIRM OR DENY EXISTENCE KNOWN ICBM SITE CONFIGURATIONS ALONG SOVIET RAIL LINES AMOUNTS TO 43 PERCENT TOTAL BROAD GAUGE RAIL NETWORK AND ALMOST 60 PERCENT RAIL LINES IN AREAS JUDGED BEST SUITED TO ICBM DEPLOYMENT, AS PRESENTED IN MAP IN NIE 11-8/1-61. (THIS AREA DIFFERS SOMEWHAT FROM KRATY AREA, BUT INCLUDES BOTH TYPE A AND B SITES.)

3. WE BELIEVE THAT ADDITIONAL YUR'YA-TYPE COMPLEXES ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION WHICH ^{RE} HAVE NOT BEEN IDENTIFIED BECAUSE NOT YET COVERED OR POSSIBLY BECAUSE EARLY STAGE CONSTRUCTION PRECLUDES RECOGNITION. THREE OTHER COMPLEXES (KOSTROMA,

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4. ALTHOUGH WE CONFIDENT THAT SECOND GENERATION COMPLEX DEPLOYMENT TO CONTINUE BEYOND MID-1963, WE CANNOT ESTIMATE MAGNITUDE THIS PROGRAM AT PRESENT.

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